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Remarks

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sander et al. and also rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Buhr et al. Claims 1-2, 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roth et al. Claims 1-2, 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ruckert et al. Claims 7-10 are rejected under USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Buhr et al. as applied to claim 1 and further in view of Omote et al.

The Examiner has stated that claim 3 is objected to but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 7, 8, and 10 have been amended. Claims 2, 3, 5 are canceled. No new matter has been added.

Claim 1 now relates to a chemically amplified positive-working photosensitive resin composition, comprising (A) an alkali soluble novolak resin, (B) an alkali soluble acrylic resin, (C) an acetal compound, and (D) an acid generator further where the weight ratio of the components (A):(B):(C):(D) is 100 : (2 to 200) : (1 to 50) : (0.05 to 10), further where the acrylic resin contains a structural unit derived from hydroxyalkyl methacrylate and a structural unit derived from alkyl methacrylate, and optionally a structural unit derived from styrene.

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In view of the above amendments and remarks, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and reconsideration of it is requested. If the Examiner disagrees, she is requested to contact the attorney for Applicants at the telephone number provided below.

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